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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Machine-Implementable Project Finance Analysis and Negotiating Tool Software, Method and System

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Communication dated December 23, 2005.

REMARKS

The Communication of December 23, 2005 indicated that the "Amendment" filed October 13, 2005 was not fully responsive because the non-elected claims were not withdrawn and did not indicate whether the election is with or without traverse.

Applicants submit that this is an erroneous requirement and request its removal because: 1) the Restriction Response filed on October 13, 2005 was not an amendment and therefore was not required to list claims according to the requirements for an amendment (additionally until a restriction is finalized the